

REMARKS

Applicants have filed an RCE and have withdrawn their appeal. Previously, claims 1-39 were canceled without prejudice, and claims 52-62 and 69-71 were withdrawn due to a restriction requirement. An amendment after the final rejection was not entered due to non-compliance with formal requirements (withdrawn claims were not reproduced in full).

Applicants now request entry of this amendment and the prior amendment after final can be ignored. After this amendment, claims 1-71 are canceled without prejudice and new claims 72 to 84 have been added. Prior withdrawn claims 57-62 have been re-presented as claims 79-84. The Applicants draw the Examiner's attention to U.S. Application 09/482,786, where related claims are pending.

The new claims are believed to recite novel combinations of elements, and are therefore patentable over the art of record. Applicants request reconsideration of the application.

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